Financial Crisis in Delhi University

4252. DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi University is confronted with worstever financial crisis;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the remedial measures being taken in this regard; and

(d) what efforts are being made to ensure that academic work does not suffer a set-back?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (e). The entire maintenance and development expenditure of Delhi University is met by the Central Government through University Grants Commission. Non-Plan funds are allocated to the University annually on the basis of recommendations of its Finance Committee and the availability of funds. According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission, the Commission released an amount of Rs. 2408.37 lakhs as Non-Plan grat to Delhi University in 1990-91 and an amount of Rs. 2501.41 lakhs has been released so far to the University during 1991-92.

Plan funds are released by U.G.C to the University on five yearly basis after examining the development proposals submitted by the University. U.G.C. has informed that during the VII Plan, Delhi University was allocated a sum of Rs. 799.00 lakhs. After a detailed examination of VII Plan proposals submitted by Delhi University, UGC has so far allocated an amount of Rs. 1285.00 lakhs for various development schemes of the University.

Besides, the University has also taken steps to augment its internal resources which include increase in fees for examinations and other services.

According to the information furnished by UGC, all Central Universities including Delhi University are provided adequate financial assistance within the available resources of the Commission to ensure that the academic activities do not get a set-back.

Over Bridges on National Highways

4253. SHRI M. RAMANNA RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for constructing over bridges by the Railways on National Highways;

(b) whether there is any proposal to construct over-bridges on N.H. No. 17; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Road overbridges in replacement of level crossings on National Highways are approved for construction, after they are sponsored by the concerned State Government duly con-senting to share the construction cost on 50:50 basis as per rules already agreed between the Ministry of Surface Transport and the Railways.

Cost of constructing over/underbridges on the New lines is however fully borne by the Railways.

(b) and (c). One Road overbridge is in advanced stage of construction near Pallipuram, on Shoranur-Mangalore line on cost sharing basis. The N.H.No. 17 intersects the proposed Konkan line between Roha and Mangalore, at 17 locations. Road over/under bridges will be provided on them on Railway account. In regard to intersection near Badagara, the work will be programme on approval of plans and estimates by the State Government. In respect of balance 1 intersections on Mangalore-Shoranur Section there is no firm proposal from the State Government.